Absentee students marked present in Schools.

321. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether during the inspection of schools by the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspecting Officers they have come across cases of students being marked present who have died or who have been absent for a long time ;

(2) if so, which are the schools, the names of officers who detected the number of absentee students marked present in each of such schools and the action taken ?

Mr I. N. Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) List containing the necessary information is appended. (*Appendix I*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Answer to (1) is 'yes' and the names of schools are given here. May I know how many such students have been entered into the Registers of each of the schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice. But I would like to state for the information of the House and the Hon'ble Member that the statistics supplied here are not complete. I have not received statistics from all divisions, but rather than making delay in answering the question I thought of supplying such information as I possessed. Replies from some subordinate officers are pending. Further information can be supplied only on receipt of further report. In the case of one Inspecting officer in the Talappalli Taluk there was only one case brought to my notice. Even before this question came up that matter was inquired into and it was discovered that the person died 2 years ago.

Disallowed Questions.

322. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the approximate average number of questions per year which the Hon'ble Members of this House have been pleased to put under Rule 5, the Cochin Legislative Council Rule, and which are being disallowed by the President ;

(b) what percentage of (a) is made under rule 8 of Council ;

(c) what percentage of (b) is made under b, c and d of rule 8 of the Council ;

(d) what percentage of (c) has been amended by the President himself or returned (in full) to the Members concerned for the purpose of amendment, as provided in 10 (1) of the Council ?

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Mr. C. J. Mathew (a) 1.
Average No. of questions put per year 990
2. Average No. disallowed per year 139
(b) Average No. disallowed under Rule 8 121
i. e., 12 per cent of (a) 1
87 per cent of (a) 2
(c) 1. Average No. disallowed under rule 8 (b) 78
i. e. 64 per cent of (b)
2. Average No. disallowed under rule 8 (c) 7
i. e., 5 per cent of (b)
3. Average No. disallowed under rule 8 (d) 27
i. e, 22 per cent of (b)
(d) Percentage of (c) amended by the President or by the Members 24 per cent

Pulaya School Boys—molested.

323. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

1. whether the Education Department has got any complaint from some Pulaya school boys of Mulanthuruthi alleging that they were molested on the road by a Nayar ; and

2. what action has the Department taken on the complaint?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—1. Yes.

2. The matter has been taken to the Court of law by the party concerned and the case is pending disposal. The Department cannot take independent action in such matters.

Safeguarding modesty of a man from the insult of a woman.

324. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to sectin 489 of the Cochin Penal Code, will the Government be pleased to state how they have safeguarded the modesty of a man from the insult of a woman ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The Government do not think that any special provision is necessary for the object in question. The Cochin Penal Code covers all such cases.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can I get some idea about the particular provision wherein the case is covered?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not exactly understand he question.

President.—The Hon'ble Member wants to know the section which covers this.

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—There are various sections. I cannot remember all the sections without going into the details.

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